

In re: Ryals et al.
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REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed August 3, 2004 (the "Action"). At the time of the Action, Claims 1-29 were pending in the application. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that Claims 10-29 are allowed and that Claims 3-4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In order to expedite prosecution, Claim 1 has been amended to include the recitations of Claim 3 and is therefore in condition for allowance. Claim 3 has been canceled. Claims 2 and 4-9 depend directly or indirectly from Claim 1 and are therefore also in condition for allowance.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the present application and passing the application to issue. If informalities are noted, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone to expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

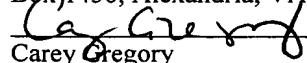


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